

## HOW ONE VILLAGE WAS BLOWN TO RUIN

Citizens of Lower Peachtree, Unclotted by Mad Gale, Ran Away Screaming.

### SWIFT, FREAKISH TORNADO

While Houses Flew to Pieces a Placid Goose Nestled in the Debris.

MOBILE, Ala., March 24.—Weird tales of horror and misery attending the calamity which befell the little town of Lower Peachtree on Friday were brought to Mobile today.

After the tornado corpses with hair stripped from heads and divested of every thread of clothing were picked up, according to reputable witnesses, naked men and women ran screaming to the semi-darkness.

Chickens and hogs stripped of feathers and hair wandered in bewilderment among the ruins. Nailed unerringly into trees cleaned of their bark were pickets from fences that had been swept away. Where once had stood a big lumber warehouse near the river was left the floor of the building standing upon which were the entire contents of the warehouse untouched by the terrific whirls of the wind.

In the back yard of the Bryant home, buried in debris, was a chicken coop, not a splinter away. Within it was a goose sitting meekly upon a dozen eggs which she had not been persuaded to leave.

In the business neighborhood everything was swept away except two grocery stores. They were thrown open as dispensaries of free provisions.

Troops from Fort Oglethorpe, with hospital corps and supplies for the relief of the sufferers arrived Sunday night and are to-day administering to the needs of the injured and homeless.

Tributes to the bravery of Prof. Griffin, a survivor of the tornado, were paid by many who had visited the scene. Prof. Griffin, after having been blown hundreds of feet from his home, returned bruised and bleeding to the center of the town and worked unceasingly to relieve the injured and to quiet survivors, insane with grief and excitement. Peter Milledge, whose wife and two children perished when their home was destroyed, went mad.

Miss Mary Watson, a visitor in the stable home, was said to have been crossing a hallway when the tornado struck. She was swept through the hallway and to the rear of the house, where she was blown against a tree and her back was broken.

No semblance of order could be brought from the pitiable chaos of the wrecked town until Sunday afternoon when cool heads were sent and the survivors and visitors who offered assistance were regularly organized into committees to attend to the needs of the sufferers.

The blast wrenched an iron bed from a house and wrapped it around a tree trunk as no human hand could have done.

Crossing the river from the town it had desolated it bore away half of a soapstone bluff many feet in height and left the other half standing unharmed.

### J. D. MOORE TO BE REGENT.

Elmira Editor Selected by the Democratic Caucus.

ALBANY, March 24.—John D. Moore of Elmira, editor of the Elmira Telegram and vice-president of the Elmira Federated Charities, will be regent of the University of the State of New York, to succeed the late Daniel Beach of Watkins. Schuyler county. He was selected by the Democratic caucus to-night.

Mr. Moore will be elected regent at a joint session of the Senate and Assembly Wednesday.

The Republican candidate will be Howard D. Newton of Chenango county.

### CHILDREN DIVIDE \$1,000,000.

Mr. Stumpf Leaves \$4,500 to Hospital—Reid Estate Inventory.

The major portion of the estate of Jacob B. Stumpf, a leather manufacturer of Harrison, N. J., who died on February 27 last, worth upwards of \$1,000,000, goes to his three children, Catherine, Frank and Arthur Stumpf, according to the will probated yesterday in the Surrogate's court in Hudson county. A bequest of \$4,500 is made to St. Michael's Hospital, Newark.

PASADENA, N. J., March 24.—An inventory of the estate of Peter Reid, the manufacturer of the "Reid" brand of cigars, showed the value to be \$2,821,575.89. He held \$1,583,962.34 in stocks and \$676,480 in bonds of 100 different companies. Mr. Reid left \$340,000 to the charities of Pasadena and \$100,000 to his relatives. His heirs will now receive their pro rata share of \$1,575,000 more.

### WILLS AND APPRAISALS.

JOHN SCHMIDT.—An application for the removal of Francis J. Schmidt as trustee of the estate of his father, John Schmidt, was made in the Surrogate's court yesterday. The trustee is financially irresponsible and owes the estate over \$100,000. The charges are made by his sisters, Maria Anna Koch and Anna Maria Kilmann.

JOHN HENRIKSEN.—An accounting of the estate of John Hendricks was filed yesterday showing that the administrators have collected \$355,073 as the principal of the estate, out of which they have paid \$102,290 to legatees and transferred \$172,983 to the trust account. For the present account they charge themselves with \$652,095. The securities of the estate have decreased in value \$52,754.

DAVID C. ANDREWS.—A merchant, who died on February 21 last, left his entire estate to his wife, Frances L. Andrews, under a will executed in 1899. Two years after a son was born, who is now the only heir at law of the testator. Because the will makes no provision for him the executor, S. Stanwood Monken, filed suit in the Surrogate's court yesterday to have the will construed to protect his interest.

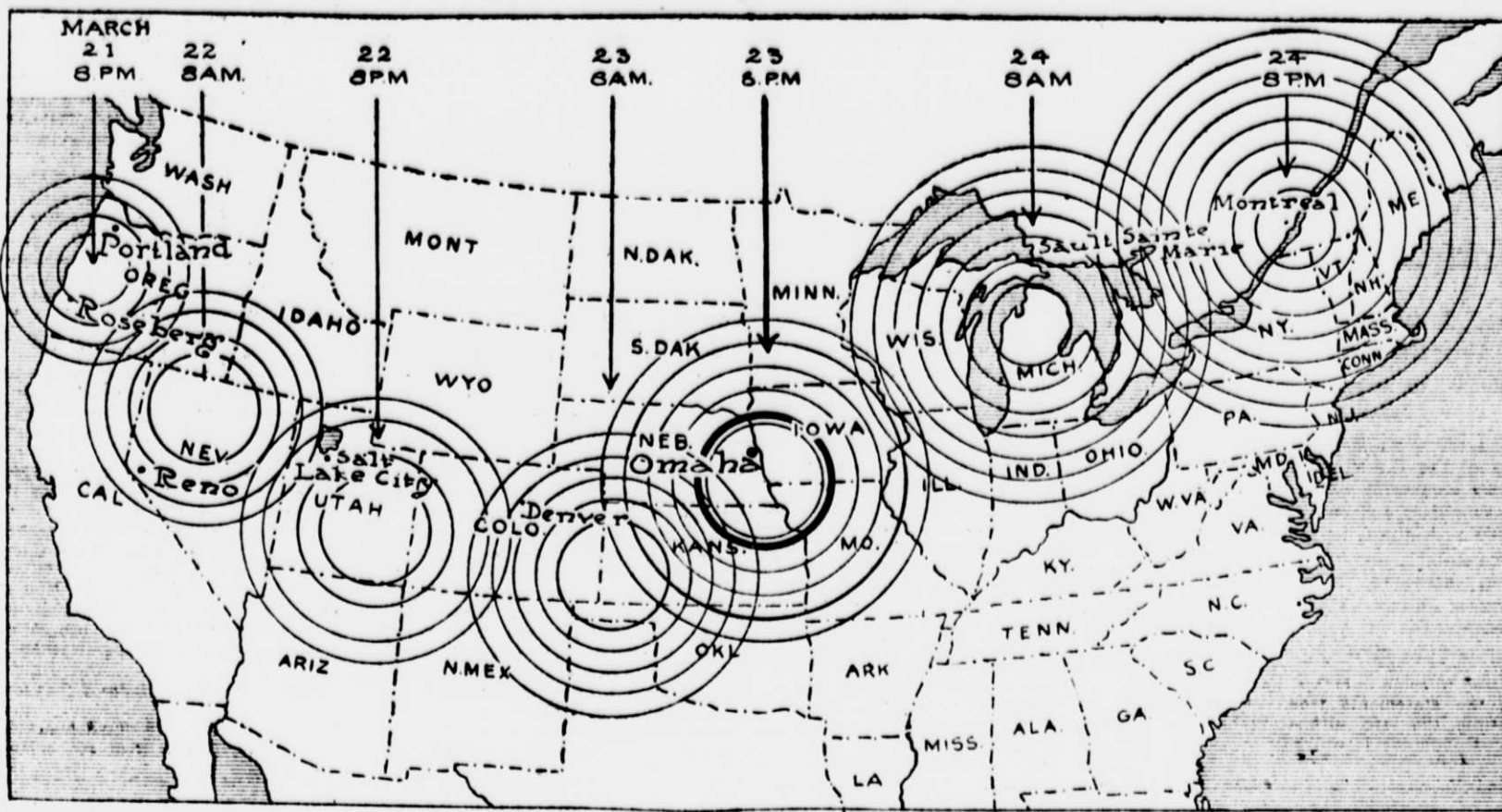
MARY A. NICHOLS.—who died at Springfield, Mass., on September 13 last, left \$1,000 each to her two children, and \$100,000 to the Massachusetts State Hospital for the Insane.

COLUMBIA, MARY FLORENCE STARR.—left \$22,305 each to her brothers, Francis C. and Guy E. Tilley.

HOWARD D. O'BRIEN.—who died April 6, 1912, left \$85,815 to his widow, Elizabeth O'Brien of the Hotel Gotham.

WILLIAM H. CLARK.—who died in Brooklyn on October 27, 1912, left \$4,027.69, of which \$8,000 goes to the widow, Mary A. Clark, and \$46,029.69 to a daughter, Susan M. Lohner.

## MAP SHOWING PATH OF THE THIRD STORM



WASHINGTON, March 24.—The first storm originated on March 17, A. M., in British Columbia, took a southeasterly course across the northeastern corner of Washington, southeast across the State of Idaho and across the southwestern corner of Wyoming.

On the morning of the 18th it was central over southwestern Wyoming, continued southeast across the State of Colorado, reaching the southeastern corner of Colorado on the morning of March 19.

The storm then turned sharply to the northeast, travelling from the southwestern corner of Kansas to the

northeastern corner, through Kansas City, across the northern part of Missouri and the northern part of Illinois, crossing Lake Michigan to the north of Chicago and arriving in the Michigan peninsula on the morning of March 20. The storm continued across Michigan, across Lake Huron and on down the St. Lawrence Valley.

The second storm originated in the northwestern corner of Utah on the afternoon of March 12, took a southeasterly course diagonally across Utah to the southeast, through the northern part of New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma, reaching the northwestern part

of Arkansas on the afternoon of March 20. Then this second storm turned sharply to the northeast, crossing the southeastern corner of Missouri, the southern part of Illinois, diagonally across Indiana, being central over Indiana on the morning of March 21, continuing northeast across Michigan, the southern end of Lake Huron and on down the St. Lawrence Valley to the south of the track of the first storm.

The third storm originated in western Nevada on the morning of March 22, ran due east across Nevada and across southern Utah, more slightly to the northeast across Colorado, reaching

eastern Colorado on the morning of March 23 and crossing the tracks of two previous storms in that State.

The third storm continued across the northwestern corner of Kansas, northeast across Nebraska in the line of Omaha, northeast across Iowa and Wisconsin, striking the lakes just north of Lake Michigan. On the afternoon of today it was central over the lakes and continued on down the St. Lawrence Valley to the north of the track of the first storm.

The cyclone that wrecked Omaha was only a local manifestation of this third storm, more violent than at other points.

## SIX PERSONS KILLED IN SCARRED CHICAGO

Big Blow Cuts Across the City and Leaves Fifty Buildings in Ruins.

### CHIMNEY FALLS ON TRAIN

Switchman in His Shanty Goes Flying—Trains and Trolleys Delayed.

CHICAGO, March 24.—Six persons were killed as a result of the gale which swept Chicago and suburbs early this morning. Scores were dangerously injured, several probably fatally; at least fifty buildings were wrecked, the roofs of many more were torn off, thousands of windows were smashed, telephone and telegraph service throughout the city and suburbs was crippled and countless trees ruined.

The storm whirled in from the northwest, tearing its way across the city in a diagonal line, diminishing in fury as it went until it had crossed into Indiana.

Frank Sheridan and C. M. Rogers, brakemen, were killed in the caboose of a "See" line freight near Desplaines. A hundred foot chimney was hurled across the tracks, crashing through the caboose and plunging the two men under tons of bricks.

John Zeitman, conductor of the train, also was in the caboose, but escaped with severe injuries. He freed himself from the wreckage and crawled back along the track and flagged a fast passenger train following the freight. Flames attacked the wrecked caboose after the bodies of the two brakemen had been dug out.

Two men were killed by touching dangling electric wires. They were Thomas Yawonowich and Frank Pecher. John Fitzgibbons, a switchman, was sitting in a shelter shanty when the storm picked it up and whirled it 100 feet and overturned it. The stove overturned, setting fire to the building. Fitzgibbons, badly burned, was rescued by fellow workmen.

Street car traffic was badly crippled and in some instances suspended. Tracks were covered with trees and pieces of wrecked houses.

A small real estate office at Milwaukee and Belmont avenues was whisked into the air, turned upside down, and deposited twenty feet away, the roof sinking deep into the mud.

The gravel roof of the Weiss Beer Brewing Company, at Fortieth and Desverey avenues, was torn off and sprinkled over the landscape.

The Desplaines River and other streams to the west of Chicago were swollen to nearly three times normal and flooded streets and sidewalks.

In Belvedere, Maywood and parts of Austin and Oak Park sign boards, trees and here and there chimneys were blown down.

After the storm had passed to find the roof of his house, 3412 North Halsted street, had vanished. He dressed and went out in search of it.

Mrs. Anna Drazba, 5306 of Grand avenue, had a narrow escape. Part of the roof of her home was blown off. She leaped out of bed and attempted to climb through a window, but fainted. Her daughter found her hanging partly out of the window. A piece of wreckage had fallen all about at the woman, but she was unhurt.

### 2 DEATHS FROM WOMAN'S SLAP.

Three More May Die After New Orleans Fight.

NEW ORLEANS, March 24.—Five persons probably will be dead to-morrow morning as the result of a woman's slap in a dance hall to-day. The dead are William J. Phillips, owner of the 102 Ranch dance hall, and Abraham Sapio, part owner of the Tuxedo dance hall.

The dying are Charles Sapio, Charles Harrison and William Henston, negro porter. All the shooting was done by the Sapios and Harrison.

Jim Ainsworth, one of Phillips' employees, entered the Tuxedo with two women. One other woman in the party during an altercation slapped Abraham Sapio in the face. An altercation resulted during which Sapio struck Ainsworth on the cheek. Then revolvers were brought into play.

### TALK OF BROOKLYN U. L. CHANGE

Following Last Fall's Rumpus Club May Discard Politics.

The Brooklyn Union League Club, whose charter requires that members shall be Republicans, is to consider at its next meeting in April a resolution to make it a purely social organization.

In the last campaign the club was badly jarred through a rumpus between the stalwart Republican members and the Progressives and many resignations followed the victory scored by the former.

There is a strong sentiment in the club in favor of the movement to eliminate politics and it is believed the change will be effected.

### COLLIERIES DENY AGREEMENT.

But a Union Official Insists That It Was Made.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 24.—Officials of the Paint Creek Collieries Company have issued signed denials that the collieries have entered into any agreement with the union.

The alleged tentative agreement between the United Mine Workers and the officials of the Paint Creek collieries, said to have been made in Philadelphia last Friday night. Reports of the agreement came from President John P. White of the United Mine Workers and Thomas Haggerty, also a United Mine Workers official.

Mr. Haggerty repeated to-day what he said yesterday about the agreement. He declared:

"President John P. White will reach the city at noon Tuesday. In the afternoon he will have a conference with Gov. Hatfield at which conference President White will submit to the Governor a concrete proposition, looking to a settlement of the entire mining trouble. Until such proposition has reached the Governor it will be impossible to discuss the nature of the proposed agreement."

Despite the denial of officials of the Paint Creek Collieries Company and of other companies it is definitely known that the meeting on Friday last at Philadelphia was at the instance of officials of the Paint Creek Collieries Company.

### MOVE FOR JERSEY VICE PROBE.

Backed by Commissioner La Monte, Friend of President Wilson.

TRENTON, N. J., March 24.—An investigation of the cause of vice and immorality, similar to that under way in Illinois, is provided for in a resolution introduced in the Senate to-night by Senator Davis.

The resolution has the backing of George M. La Monte, a close friend of President Wilson. Mr. La Monte has offered to contribute \$2,500 toward the expense of the investigation should the Legislature fail to make adequate provision for it.

### NEW YORK ACTRESS HURT.

Sarah Leonard Crushed by Trolley Car at Hartford.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 24.—Sarah Leonard, an actress, who lives at 448 West Forty-third street, New York city, and two traffic policemen, from whom she was seeking information, were injured seriously here this afternoon when a trolley car split a switch and crushed them under the tracks. It is believed that an electrically controlled switch failed to operate properly.

It was said at St. Francis Hospital to-night that Miss Leonard is suffering from internal injuries and a fracture of her left leg.

### ST. NICHOLAS PAAS FESTIVAL.

Society Dines Without Speeches and Sees Pictures.

Two hundred members of the St. Nicholas Society met at Delmonico's last night for their annual Paas Easter Monday festival. After the stewards and survivors had brought in the old wooden weathercock that Washington Irving had at his place in Tarrytown and that once ornamented the Stat Haus in New Amsterdam, President Walter L. Robinson declared the festival open and told of the early Easter Monday games and festivities of New Amsterdam.

No set programme of speeches had been arranged and its place was taken by a special exhibition of Kinemaecolor moving pictures.

### GOV. FUTRELL OF ARKANSAS NOW

Supreme Court's Decision Ousts W. K. Oldham from Place.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 24.—The Supreme Court to-day decided the Governorship contest case in favor of State Senator J. M. Futrell and acting Governor W. K. Oldham retired.

Gov. Futrell issued a call to-night for a special election on July 23 to fill out the unexpired term of Gov. Joseph T. Robinson, resigned after being elected United States Senator.

## GRAND JURY RUSHES THE EATON INQUIRY

Hears Nine Witnesses and May End the Investigation To-day.

### KEYES IN A LONG TIME

Dr. Colgate, Family Doctor, Has Similar Experience—Prisoner's Daughters Unheard.

PLYMOUTH, Mass., March 24.—Nine witnesses testified before the Plymouth county Grand Jury in the Government's case against Mrs. Eaton, accused of poisoning her husband.

Several more witnesses have been ordered to attend to-morrow. District Attorney Barker was asked after adjournment about lunacy proceedings. He said that no action toward the appointment of a commission had been made, but that such was possible at any time.

Dr. William F. Whitney, the Harvard chemist, who came here this morning in response to a summons, kept out of sight and was not called upon to testify. He will be here to-morrow, when the Grand Jury is expected to end its investigation.

Those who testified to-day were Miss Anna Rooney, Mrs. F. A. Corbett, Miss Bessie Collamore, Mrs. Hannah E. Barnes, C. W. Rice, Charles E. Nordstrom, Dr. C. H. Colgate, Mrs. June Brooks and Ralph Keyes, Miss Dorothy Ainsworth and Mrs. June Keyes, daughters of the accused woman, were among those who waited all day to be heard. Mrs. George Harrison, the aged mother of Mrs. Eaton, was not present.

Dr. Colgate and Mr. Keyes remained longest in the Grand Jury room. The former was questioned for about an hour and the latter, who is the husband of June Keyes, for one and a half hours. Judge Dubuque warned the jury to keep the proceedings secret.

The first witness to arrive was Miss Dorothy Ainsworth, who is only 17. She reddened as she passed through the throng of onlookers. Francis J. Geoghan, one of her mother's attorneys, accompanied her.

W. A. Morse, a Boston attorney, whom Mr. Geoghan has called into the case, arrived with Mrs. June Keyes. She came with her head up, her color high and her eyes flashing.

The witnesses were gathered in two rooms. Miss Anna Rooney of Boston, a trained nurse who was hired by Mrs. Eaton last summer to observe the Admiral, and who told the reporters that he was a sane man, was called into the jury room first. She was inside fewer than fifteen minutes.

Mrs. Corbett, with whom Mrs. June Keyes boarded, and Miss Bessie Collamore, a neighbor of the Eatons, were the next witnesses. They came out within ten minutes apiece.

Mrs. Hannah E. Barnes of Rockland, who followed, was longer in the jury room than anybody who preceded her. She was once a housekeeper for the Eatons and told the reporters several days ago that Admiral Eaton was a very reasonable man and that Mrs. Eaton was jealous of him.

C. W. Rice of Rockland was examined next. His connection with the case is a mystery.

Charles E. Nordstrom, a private detective of Somerville, who told Judge Kelley that Mrs. Eaton had tried to enrage him to watch the Admiral, was the jury room only a brief time.

The next to be heard was Dr. Colgate, who said recently that in the Eaton household poison was talked often, mostly by Mrs. Eaton, who wished the doctor to take steps toward committing the Admiral to an insane asylum. He regarded the Admiral as sane.

Charles B. Brooks of Boston, a second cousin of the Admiral, was the final witness of the day.

**Fine for Defaulter Awaiting Trial.** NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 24.—John M. Mortimer, defaulting bookkeeper of the State Home for Boys at Jamesburg, was fined \$300 by Judge J. P. Daly this morning for having altered a voucher of that institution twelve years ago. Mortimer disappeared after the defalcation and was not heard of until he gave himself up recently. He is under bail awaiting trial.

## WALDO CALLS OUTSIDE HELP

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same denial was made of reports that District Attorney Whitman is under the surveillance of the police.

Commissioner Waldo yesterday insisted that the transfers of Dwyer's men were due to complaints received against some of them, but would not specify which ones or what the complaints were. Edward J. Newell, George A. Sipp's former counsel, who called on District Attorney Whitman at his home Sunday afternoon and admitted having passed the money to Sipp which has become known as the Sipp bribery fund and admitted that he knew the money was intended to keep Sipp out of town, did not visit Mr. Whitman yesterday to finish up his confession as had been arranged.

Newell called up the District Attorney and told him that his lawyer, ex-Judge W. M. K. Olcott, had been called to Troy in connection with the funeral of ex-Gov. Frank S. Black. Mr. Olcott will return to-night, it is expected, and Newell and his counsel will probably see Mr. Whitman again to-night or to-morrow. Newell's trial on the charges of bribing a Grand Jury witness is set for Thursday.

Another batch of information regarding the tangled story of the two funds raised for the defence of Policeman Fox, one for the bribery of Sipp and the other for a general defence fund in return for Fox's silence, was given to Mr. Whitman on Wednesday last by Inspector John J. Murtha when the latter called at Mr. Whitman's home.

Mr. Whitman had a conference with Justice Seabury yesterday morning with regard to the new case and it was reported later that Newell would get a suspended sentence if he implicates the police officials wanted. But Mr. Whitman will tell Newell he must first plead guilty and not only testify, but also assist in the corroboration of his story.

Inspector Murtha also will have another interview with the District Attorney this week.

The sentence of Policeman John J. Hartigan, set down for this morning, probably will go over for a few days. Hartigan saw his wife and child again yesterday morning in the Criminal Courts Building and has made an admission for another interview with the District Attorney this afternoon.

The prosecutor believes that strong pressure has been brought to bear on

the policeman to keep silent and that Hartigan may go to Sing Sing rather than turn against his former superior, Inspector Dennis Sweeney.

Mrs. Thomas W. Walsh, wife of Capt. Walsh, called on Mr. Whitman yesterday, taking a considerable amount of detailed material from her husband relating to the Hartigan and Sweeney matter.

Five witnesses appeared before the District Attorney yesterday. One of these was John Flannery, manager of the Hotel Van Twiller at 57 Lexington avenue. It was understood that Flannery refused to admit any knowledge of protection money. He was subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury on Thursday. The other witnesses were Edward Waldron of the Manhattan Casino, 155th street and Eighth avenue, Jake Morris of Eighth avenue and 126th street, Jack Dunn of 125th street and Eighth avenue and Peter Allman, whose place is in West 125th street. These men were called in the Sweeney matter and will also appear before the Grand Jury on Thursday.

Responsibility for present police corruption of New York was laid on Mayor Gaynor yesterday by District Attorney Whitman. Mr. Whitman was speaking at a conference of the Federation of Churches in the Metropolitan Life Building.

A good part of Mr. Whitman's speech was devoted to the workings of the police "system" in the Sipp case, in which he has maintained all along he was handicapped in every possible way by the Police Department. He read a speech by Mayor Gaynor in which the Mayor gave the police all the credit for the return of Sipp from Atlantic City and in opposition gave the facts as he knew them and said:

"These things I have told you are not the vapors of a mind trying to make people believe what it wants them to believe, but are things sworn to and corroborated."

The Sipp case was the most notorious example of the police attitude in the present inquiry, said Mr. Whitman, and added:

"Inspector Sweeney told two of his men to 'get' Sipp. They made an affidavit charging Sipp with a crime so abominable that the normal mind can hardly conceive it. When I came to examine these accusing women I took only five minutes to show that they had never seen the affidavit to which they had sworn."

Mr. Whitman quoted from the Mayor's statement that Sipp's return was followed by "one or two incidents."

"Thirty-four indictments followed," said the District Attorney, "and three convictions. Two of them were on confession and one of them on trial and we are not through yet."

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